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The Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

This letter transmits for the consideration of the Congress a proposed "Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1987."

Sufficient resources are needed in Fiscal Year 1987 to continue the progress which the Executive and Legislative Branches have taken together toward revitalization of our nation's Intelligence Community. I am confident that the Congress will provide the resources needed to develop and maintain the intelligence capabilities required to protect the national security in today's increasingly dangerous and complex world.

In drafting this year's Authorization Bill, consideration was given to including several initiatives that had been proposed to the Administration by several members of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. Some of the proposals are included in this year's Authorization Bill. We are prepared to work with the Congress to develop suitable legislation implementing other proposals which, we believe, have merit.

The proposed Intelligence Authorization Act is accompanied by a detailed section-by-section explanation. Timely consideration of the "Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1987" would be greatly appreciated. The Office of Management and Budget has advised that enactment of this proposed legislation would be in accordance with the President's program.

Sincerely,

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Acting Director of Central Intelligence

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